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1. The prison workshops at Barczew (53-50 N, 20-42 E), near Olsztyn (53-47 N, 20-29 E) were divided into three groups:

   a. Interchangeable finished parts for sewing machines
   b. Metal shop
   c. Wood products shop

2. Outwardly, the entire installation was known as a factory for the production of interchangeable finished parts for sewing machines. In reality, the metal and wood shops manufactured war materials. The major product of the metal shop was in the form of hand grenade casings and heavy machine gun sights. The drawing plan for these sights, called "Aparaty Wolkowa", arrived at the Barczew technical office in October 1952. The date on the drawing was August 1952. This prison-run metal shop produced, depending upon incoming orders, a monthly average of between 100,000 and 150,000 hand grenade casings and 20,000 to 40,000 "Aparaty Wolkowa". The main production line of the wood products shop was office furniture. On the side, it manufactured a monthly average of 50,000 carbine butt-ends. These were transported to the prison at Ilawa where the metal parts of the carbines were manufactured. The assembling also took place at Ilawa. Three 8-hour work shifts were employed at Barczew prison. During the period of this report there were approximately 3,000 prisoners, 2,500 of whom were put to work.

3. The following is a list of the machinery located in the metal and wood shops of the Barczew Prison.

METAL SHOP

Nomenclature	Quantity
Large lathes	12
Revolving lathes	17
Milling machines	12
Drilling machines	12
Grinding machines	18
Electric welders	4
Acetylene torches	4
Metal cleaning machine	1

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WOOD PRODUCTS SHOP

Nomenclature	Quantity
Large lathes	8
Planers	12
Shaping machines	10
Cleaning machines	6
Band saws	4
Circular saws	4

3. Barczewo prison staff personnel in January 1953 were:

Prison CO	Captain Jerzy Swienczek
Labor Manager	1st Lt. Tadeusz Rubaj
Asst. Labor Manager	W.O. Juljan Mech
Party Supervisor	1st Lt. Stanislaw Jablonski
Manager of the Bun-Sight Shop	Sgt. Kazimierz Wroblewski
Manager of the Hand Grenade Shop	Sgt. Zygmunt Labek

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